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John M. Walsh Jr., Treasurer
Utility Workers Union of America
Political Contributions Committee
815 16th Street NW, Room 605
Washington, DC 20006

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Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/1/96-6/30/96)

Dear Mr. Walsh:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 29 discloses negative disbursements for contributions made to Gwen Moore, Antonio Vallarapiza, and Mike Sullivan. The purpose given for each negative disbursement is that it was a "Contribution (write off)". If a contribution to a candidate committee or other political committee is not deposited by the recipient, its return to your committee should be reported as a negative entry on Schedule B for Line 29. However, if the recipient committee deposits the contribution and refunds it with its own check, it should be itemized on Schedule A for Line 16. Please clarify the nature of these negative disbursements.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

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